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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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PART III: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Publication No. 200103555 A1 corresponds to document EP 1 143 513 A, and U.S. Patent No. 5,434,436 corresponds to document DE 43 27 290 A, both cited in the French Search Report

PART IV: Remarks

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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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